

## **Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting January 22, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

Attending Committee Members were: Soraya Stevens, Margot Fleischman, AnnaLisa Madison, Dan Silverman

Guest Attendees: Roy Sorensen, Evan Deardorff

- Reviewed meeting minutes and amended minutes. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Sidewalk update from Roy

- Put in requests for funds from 2019-2021 for new sidewalk projects
- Discussions on the horizon (future funds) for South Road and Davis boardwalk
- Concord Road project this year and North Road section using existing funds
- Existing funds will also be used to fund part of Hemlock
- North Road contractor ran behind schedule but should get the sidewalk completed this Spring
- Soraya: Are contractors factored into the budgeting process for sidewalks? Roy: Sidewalk funds and projections factor in use of contractors
- Springs Road sidewalk replacement cannot be funded via community preservation, must be capital expense
- Requesting to have an engineering firm (Fay, Spofford and Thorndike) to inventory 31 miles of sidewalks and develop a plan/recommendations for maintaining existing sidewalks
- Cost for Concord Rd is about 200K, and the North Road Sidewalk is approximately 65-70K

Traffic Calming Discussion

- Handed out the diagrams from the in-progress policy document.
- Traffic Committee members of the Police, Fire, DPW usually fields complaints from residents of cut-through neighborhoods and other traffic issues

Other Updates:

- Minuteman Bikeway
  - There are still discussions about the options for running the trail behind the businesses.
- Renzo's intersection review has gone out for bid.

Selectmen's Update

- Renzo's intersection review – RFP has been put out.
- Railroad Avenue project is hopefully coming to a conclusion. Selectmen and abutters are working together to arrive at a solution. They are looking for the conceptual design decision to be made in the Spring.
- Bike master plan/ped master plan still in progress
  - Toole design group identified six locations chosen. They are among the six most challenging locations, but represent a spectrum of different problems
    - Great Rd starting MM statue through to the Stop-and-Shop shopping center
    - Page/Shawsheen – Y-intersection
    - Old Billerica Road and 62
    - Concord Road (faster longer stretch)
    - ¼ mile around the Lane School, looking at developing better connectivity
    - Driving under Rt 3

#### Planning Board Update

- We are postponing Industrial Zoning amendments to Fall town meeting, to give them more time for a comprehensive evaluation
- We will present to Spring Town Meeting a status on Comprehensive Plan implementation
- ZBA is hearing on potential new location for Luigi's on Great Road tonight (between Blake Block and Bedford Marketplace). If ZBA passes, PB will have site plan review. Some concerns have been raised about traffic patterns.
- PB is considering in detail several options for becoming a regional leader in transportation demand management, taking advantage of the new transportation management association set up by the Middlesex 3 Coalition (the regional economic development organization), as well as other resources. PB considering policies that would require larger businesses, or coalitions of smaller ones, to join a TMA as a transportation mitigation.
- For those of you that know the Silvestrone family (Carl works for the Bedford DPW, and Cathy is our PB admin), please keep them in your thoughts as Carl is undergoing treatments for advanced cancer in his liver and pancreas. Cathy is on extended leave to deal with this tragic situation.

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Soraya Stevens